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DIGEST

Mount (SB 238)

Present law provides for the Louisiana Advisory Committee on Licensing of Child Care Facilities and Child Placing Agencies and the Louisiana Committee on Private Child Care.

Proposed law abolishes both of these committees.

Present law provides an exception for a group child day care home from the definition of day care center. Proposed law removes the exception.

Present law provides for specific child-staff ratios that must be followed under the standards for fire and safety promulgated by the office of state fire marshal.

Proposed law removes the specific child-staff ratios and instead provides that the standards for fire and safety promulgated by the office of state fire marshal shall regulate the maximum legal occupancy.

Present law provides that upon the refusal of the department to grant a license or upon the revocation of a license, the agency, institution, society, corporation, person or persons, or other group having been refused a license or having had a license revoked shall have the right to appeal such action by submitting a written request to the secretary of DSS within thirty days after receipt of the notification of the refusal or revocation.

Proposed law changes the amount of time to appeal the decision to revoke a license from 30 days after receipt of the notification to 15 days after receipt of the notification.

Proposed law provides that DSS shall promulgate rules and regulations for the creation and maintenance of the Louisiana Advisory Council on Child Care and Early Education and further requires DSS to seek input and guidance from the council for any proposed rule or regulation which relates to licensure or standards of Class A and Class B child care facilities.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Ch. C. Art. 1173(A)(intro para) and R.S. 46:1403(A)(4), 1409(A), (B)(intro para), (C), and (D), 1412(A) and (B), 1413(A)(intro para), (C), (H) and (N), 1419, and 1420; adds R.S. 46:1414; repeals R.S. 36:478(C)(3) and (4) and R.S. 46:1406, 1407, 1410, 1411, and 1427)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill.

1. Requires DSS to promulgate rules and regulations for the creation and maintenance of the Louisiana Advisory Council on Child Care and Early Education.
2. Requires DSS to seek input and guidance from the Louisiana Advisory Council on Child Care and Early Education relative to any proposed rule or regulation which relates to licensure or standards of Class A or Class B child care facilities.
3. Changes the amount of time to appeal the decision to revoke a license from 10 days after receipt of the notification to 15 days after receipt of the notification.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Technical amendments.